



# Whitepaper



## **d-loop Whitepaper Pre-release**

*d-loop DAO | AI-Powered Decentralized Digital Asset Management*

### **Abstract**

This whitepaper will show insight into how the d-loop protocol functions on a technical level while introducing new features unique to the d-loop governance model. We aim to showcase the d-loop governance model, protocol, its design function and calculus used. We introduce new concepts and incentive layers for both investors and liquidity providers (LP's).

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## Introduction

D-Loop is a decentralized asset index DAO optimized for both AI and human participation. It leverages AI-powered nodes to govern the protocol, ensuring continuous index optimization.

By enabling AI agents to transact and exchange value autonomously, D-Loop introduces a new form of decentralized governance that fundamentally transforms the operation of DAOs in an AI-driven economy.

We envision a future where AI agents interact independently, with DAOs serving as the transaction and consensus layer. Initially, D-Loop will deploy two types of AI-powered nodes:

1. **Governance Nodes** – These AI Governance Agent nodes oversee and optimize invest/divest decisions within the DAO, ensuring efficient asset management.
2. **Investment Nodes** – These AI Investment Agent nodes enable AI agents to autonomously execute investment and divestment strategies, optimizing the index in real-time.

This dual-node structure ensures a seamless, AI-driven decision-making process, enhancing both governance and asset allocation within the D-Loop ecosystem.

D-Loop introduces two new assets to the Hedera and Ethereum blockchains:

- **DLOOP** – An ERC-223 or HTS governance token used for invest/divest proposals and other key voting mechanisms within the DAO. DLOOP holders earn merit-based rewards based on their historical voting performance, incentivizing informed decision-making.
- **D-AI** – The D-Loop Asset Index token, which functions as a TokenShare representing ownership in the asset pool, allowing participants to gain exposure to the DAO's dynamically optimized portfolio.

These assets form the foundation of D-Loop's decentralized governance and AI-powered asset management system.

DLOOP token holders are incentivized to delegate their tokens to **Governance Nodes**, allowing AI-driven decision-making to optimize asset management within the DAO. This delegation mechanism helps ensure active participation and efficient governance while rewarding holders based on their contributions.

Regulated entities can participate in D-Loop's ecosystem in two ways:

1. **Investment Nodes** – Institutions may deposit funds into these AI-powered nodes, which autonomously execute investment strategies within the DAO.
2. **Direct DAO Participation** – Entities can engage directly by submitting **invest/divest proposals**, shaping the asset index through decentralized governance.

This structure encourages a seamless integration of AI automation, decentralized governance, and institutional investment.

The D-Loop protocol functions similarly to a real-world asset index, ensuring stability and efficiency through its AI-driven governance model. All TokenShares, represented as **D-AI tokens**, are fully backed **basketcoins**, secured by a diversified pool of assets locked as collateral within the DAO's treasury. This backing ensures the tangible value of D-AI while maintaining a transparent and verifiable reserve.

By leveraging AI-powered decision-making, D-Loop optimizes asset pool performance, dynamically adjusting allocations to maximize returns and reduce risk. The protocol also **minimizes rebalancing slippage**, improving capital efficiency and ensuring that index adjustments remain cost-effective.

This AI-governed model bridges the gap between decentralized finance (DeFi) and traditional asset management, offering an innovative, self-optimizing approach to index-based investing in the blockchain ecosystem.

## DAO Specifications

D-Loop's asset pool is governed by a **Decentralized Autonomous Organization (DAO)**, represented by a smart contract on the Ethereum and Hedera blockchains. The DAO is responsible for holding the asset pool's reserves, processing voting proposals, and executing governance decisions in a fully transparent and autonomous manner.

## D-AI Token and Asset Pool Mechanics

D-AI tokens serve as **TokenShares** within the D-Loop ecosystem, representing proportional ownership of the asset pool. These ERC-223 tokens or HTS tokens in the case of the Hedera blockchain, are minted only when investment proposals are approved by the DAO.

The smart contract ensures that only the DAO has permission to mint new D-AI tokens, reinforcing a strict supply-control mechanism.

The asset pool is designed to facilitate **direct exchangeability**, allowing holders to redeem their D-AI tokens for their equivalent share of the pool's digital assets. This structure ensures that D-AI maintains a tangible, verifiable, and fully backed value at all times.

### Example Calculation

- The **total supply of D-AI tokens** is **1,000**.
- The **asset pool** contains:
  - **100 ETH** (valued at \$10,000)
  - **10 WBTC** (valued at \$10,000)
  - **Total pool value: \$20,000**

Each **D-AI token** is backed by:

- **0.1 ETH (\$10)**
- **0.01 WBTC (\$10)**
- **Total token value: \$20**

This model ensures that D-AI tokens remain **fully collateralized**, preventing inflationary risks while enabling trustless asset redemption through the DAO's smart contract.

## Governance Mechanisms

D-Loop employs a decentralized governance model, where DLOOP tokens serve as voting tokens for protocol proposals. Governance operates through a quorum-based, snapshot voting system, ensuring transparency and security. Token holders can delegate their voting rights to AI-powered **Governance Nodes**, preventing voter apathy and improving participation.

### AI-Driven Governance: The Role of AI Voting Agents

What sets D-Loop apart is the integration of **AI Voting Agents**—autonomous AI-driven participants that optimize invest/divest decisions while complementing human governance. These agents analyze market conditions, execute data-driven voting strategies, and enhance decision-making efficiency.

By leveraging AI, D-Loop ensures:

- **Continuous asset pool optimization** through dynamic rebalancing
- **Reduced governance inefficiencies** by mitigating inactive voting
- **AI-human synergy**, where AI handles routine decision-making while human voters engage in higher-level governance

## Proposal and Voting Process

### 1. Submitting Proposals

- Any DLOOP holder can submit a proposal to modify the asset pool (e.g., add/remove assets).
- Proposals specify:
  - **Proposal type** (e.g., invest or divest)
  - **Asset amount** requested
  - **D-AI token payout or exchange rate**
- A **deposit is required** upon submission to prevent spam. The deposit is refunded upon execution or expiration of the proposal.

### 2. Voting Process

- Voting is conducted via a **token-based voting system**, where **each DLOOP token represents one vote**.
- **Delegated voting** allows token holders to assign their voting power to AI Governance Nodes for automated decision-making.
- Governance Token holders can vote **"Yes" or "No"**, and their vote weight is proportional to their DLOOP holdings.
- **Snapshot voting** ensures fairness by using token balances at **"proposal block - 1"**, preventing **flash loan attacks or vote manipulation**.

### 3. Passing and Executing Proposals

- For a proposal to pass, it must meet two conditions:
  - A **quorum threshold** (e.g., 30% of the total DLOOP supply must vote)
  - More **"Yes" votes than "No" votes** after the voting deadline
- Governance Token holders can **change or cancel their vote** anytime before the deadline.
- **Passed proposals enter a cooldown period** before execution, allowing dissenting token holders to exit the system if necessary.
- The **proposal submitter executes the transaction**, triggering the DAO to process payments and asset transfers.
- **Time limits** prevent indefinite proposal execution; expired proposals are voided.

## Governance Flexibility & Evolution

Governance parameters, including quorum thresholds, voting deadlines, execution delays, and proposal expiration times, can be adjusted through governance proposals, ensuring that D-Loop remains adaptable as it evolves.

This AI-powered governance model ensures efficient, decentralized, and transparent decision-making, merging human oversight with autonomous AI optimization to create a next-generation asset index DAO.

## Delegated Voting: AI and Human Governance

D-Loop's **delegated voting system** allows **DLOOP Governance Token holders** to assign their voting rights to other participants, ensuring active governance and informed decision-making. This feature benefits holders who want to participate in governance without directly voting on every proposal.

### Delegation Options

DLOOP holders can delegate their voting rights to:

1. **Other DLOOP token holders** – Experienced members who actively participate in governance.
2. **AI Voting Agents** – Autonomous AI-powered decision-makers that optimize voting strategies based on market data and historical governance performance.

The **D-Loop UI** clearly distinguishes **AI Voting Agents** from **human delegates**, helping token holders make informed delegation decisions.

### Key Benefits of Delegated Voting

- **Prevents voter apathy** – Ensures that proposals reach quorum thresholds, even if some holders remain inactive.
- **Encourages expert-led decision-making** – Supports the rise of "**Asset Pool Managers**", individuals or specialist AI who research proposals in depth and vote on behalf of delegators.
- **Enhances governance efficiency** – By combining human oversight with AI-powered automation, D-Loop ensures a **balanced and optimized governance process**.

### DLOOP Skill: Ranking Delegates for Smarter Voting

To further optimize delegation, D-Loop integrates DLOOP Skill. This system ranks participants based on historical voting accuracy and performance, helping both voters and delegators select high-performing delegates.



- Voters can evaluate ranked delegates before assigning their voting power.
- Delegates gain credibility and influence through demonstrated governance performance.
- Leaderboards incentivize active participation and responsible voting behavior.

By combining AI-driven automation, human governance, and a transparent ranking system, D-Loop ensures an intelligent, meritocratic governance model that continuously evolves to meet the needs of its participants.

## Asset Addition (Invest) Proposals

An Asset Addition (Invest) proposal allows the DAO to acquire a digital asset in exchange for newly minted D-AI tokens. The asset must conform to one of the supported Ethereum token standards, which include both fungible and non-fungible tokens, such as ERC-20, ERC-223, and ERC-721.

### Process:

1. A proposal is submitted specifying the asset type and quantity to be acquired.
2. If the proposal passes voting, the executor of the proposal sends the asset to the DAO's smart contract.
3. The received asset is secured within the DAO's treasury.
4. The DAO mints new D-AI tokens equivalent to the asset's value and transfers them to the executor of the proposal.

This mechanism expands the DAO's asset pool while ensuring that newly issued D-AI tokens are fully backed by real assets.

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## Asset Removal (Divest) Proposals

An **Asset Removal** (Divest) proposal enables the DAO to release a digital asset in exchange for **D-AI tokens**, effectively removing the asset from the DAO's treasury.

### Process:

1. A proposal is submitted specifying the asset type and quantity to be withdrawn.
2. If the proposal passes voting, the executor sends the required D-AI tokens to the DAO.
3. The DAO burns the received D-AI tokens, reducing the circulating supply.
4. The DAO releases the requested asset to the executor of the proposal.

This divestment mechanism ensures that asset allocations remain balanced while maintaining the intrinsic value of D-AI tokens within the ecosystem.

# DLOOP Token Rewards System

The **DLOOP Token Rewards System** incentivizes governance participation by rewarding token holders based on the **profitability of their votes** on **investment (invest/divest) proposals**. Rewards are calculated using **ChainLink price oracles**, which track real-time market prices for all supported assets.

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## Reward Mechanism

1. **Proposal-Based Rewards:**
    - Rewards are only issued for profitable investment proposals and divestment proposals that prevent losses.
    - If a proposal fails to generate a profit or does not mitigate losses, no rewards are distributed.
  2. **Epoch-Based Reward Issuance:**
    - An epoch is a fixed timeframe, measured in block time, over which rewards are distributed.
    - The total DLOOP tokens allocated for an epoch are split among all eligible (profitable or loss-avoiding) proposals within that epoch.
    - This system ensures dynamic reward distribution, adjusting based on the number of successful proposals.
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## Epoch Structure

1. **Block Time-Based Epochs:**
    - Rewards are distributed at the end of each predefined epoch (e.g., weekly, biweekly, or monthly).
    - The reward pool is divided proportionally among all eligible proposals.
  2. **Profitability Calculation:**
    - To prevent short-term speculation, the DAO randomly assigns a profit evaluation timeframe (e.g., 2 weeks, 4 weeks, or 8 weeks) for each proposal.
    - Investment Proposal: Profitability is determined by the increase in the asset's value after the assigned timeframe.
    - Divestment Proposal: Success is measured by how effectively the divestment prevents further losses.
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## Points-Based Reward Allocation

Since the number of eligible voters per proposal varies, a points system ensures equitable rewards distribution.

### 1. Points Allocation:

- Voters earn points based on their DLOOP token holdings and the outcome of the proposal.
- The total number of points per block cannot exceed the DLOOP rewards allocated for that block time.

### 2. Reward Calculation:

- If a proposal is profitable (investment) or prevents loss (divestment), participating voters earn points proportional to their stake.
- If a proposal is unprofitable, no points are awarded, and no rewards are distributed.
- The reward per point is calculated as:

$$\text{Reward per point} = \frac{\text{Total DLOOP tokens issued for block time}}{\text{Total points assigned in block time}}$$

### 3. Distribution Mechanism:

- At the end of each **block time epoch**, total points are calculated across **all successful proposals**.
- Each voter receives DLOOP rewards based on the points they earned.

### 4. No Proposals or Unprofitable Outcomes:

- If no proposals are made or all proposals fail, the DLOOP reward tokens for that epoch are returned to the DAO treasury.

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## Hedera & Ethereum Block Time Integration

The reward mechanism is designed to function across **both Hedera and Ethereum blockchains**, using block time synchronization for fair distribution.

- On **Ethereum**, rewards are based on **Ethereum block time epochs** (~12s per block).
- On **Hedera**, rewards follow **Hedera block finalization epochs**, ensuring seamless reward issuance.
- The DLOOP reward pool adjusts dynamically based on the network where governance participation occurs, preventing discrepancies across chains

# Governance Nodes: Technical Overview

## Core Functionality

AI Governance Nodes autonomously analyze and vote on proposals to optimize D-Loop's asset pool. Key functions include:

- **Proposal Analysis:** Evaluate invest/divest proposals using market data, historical trends, and risk assessments.
- **Voting:** Cast votes aligned with optimization criteria (e.g., maximizing returns, minimizing risk).
- **Quorum Assurance:** Ensure active governance during low voter engagement.
- **Rewards:** Earn merit-based rewards for accurate and profitable decisions.

## Architecture

Built as Python-based modules on decentralized infrastructure like **EigenLayer**, the nodes comprise:

1. **Data Ingestion Layer:**
  - Fetch real-time market data (e.g., Chainlink oracles, CoinGecko APIs).
  - Retrieve proposal details via Ethereum RPC or Hedera Mirror Node queries.
  - Access historical voting outcomes for informed decision-making.
2. **Decision-Making Engine:**
  - Use supervised and reinforcement learning models to predict proposal profitability.
  - Apply portfolio optimization (e.g., Markowitz mean-variance) and risk assessment (e.g., VaR, Sharpe Ratio).
3. **Voting Layer:**
  - Interact with D-Loop smart contracts using **Web3.py** (Ethereum) or **Hedera SDK**.
  - Dynamically adjust voting strategies based on market conditions.
4. **Reward Mechanism:**
  - Track proposal performance via Chainlink oracles.
  - Allocate points for profitable votes and distribute DLOOP tokens proportionally.
5. **Security:**
  - Use cryptographic signatures for transaction authentication.
  - Implement slashing conditions for malicious behavior.
  - Maintain audit trails for transparency.

## Integration with EigenLayer

- **Deployment:** AI nodes run as Python scripts on EigenLayer, leveraging its modular and secure execution environment.
- **Cross-Chain Compatibility:** Operate on Ethereum and Hedera, ensuring scalability and interoperability.

### Example Workflow

1. **Data Collection:** Fetch market and proposal data.
2. **Proposal Analysis:** Evaluate impact using ML models and optimization algorithms.
3. **Voting:** Cast votes and submit via smart contracts.
4. **Rewards:** Earn DLOOP tokens based on voting performance.

## Tools and Technologies

- **Languages:** Python (data analysis, ML), Solidity (smart contracts).
- **Frameworks:** TensorFlow/PyTorch (ML), Scikit-learn (optimization).
- **Blockchain:** Web3.py (Ethereum), Hedera SDK.
- **Infrastructure:** EigenLayer (deployment), Docker (containerization), Chainlink (data feeds).

AI Governance Nodes combine **machine learning**, **blockchain technology**, and **decentralized infrastructure** to enable efficient, data-driven governance. By leveraging EigenLayer and Python, these nodes ensure transparency, security, and scalability, positioning D-Loop as a leader in AI-powered decentralized finance.

## D-AI DAO Token Modeling

This section summarizes the portfolio theory and outlines the process for determining and updating the value of the DAO's investment pool. The value of the portfolio is dynamic and influenced by the changing values of the various assets it holds, making it a time-varying function.

### Portfolio Value and Asset Variations

The portfolio's value evolves over time due to fluctuations in asset prices  $Q_n, n = 1 \dots N$  and it is a time varying function.

$$V(t) = \sum_{n=1}^N Q_n(t) p_n(t) \quad (1)$$

The portfolio's value (1) changes as consequence of assets' prices variations

$$\Delta V(t) = V(t + \Delta t) - V(t) = \sum_{n=1}^N Q_n(t) \Delta p_n(t) = \sum_{n=1}^N Q_n p_n \frac{\Delta p_n}{p_n} \quad (2)$$

Estimated returns are defined as follows:

$$R(t) = \frac{\Delta V(t)}{V(t)} = \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{Q_n p_n}{V} \frac{\Delta p_n}{p_n} = \sum_{n=1}^N \alpha_n(t) r_n(t) \quad (3)$$

$$\text{where } r_n(t) = \frac{p_n(t + \Delta t) - p_n(t)}{p_n(t)} \text{ and } \alpha_n = \frac{Q_n p_n}{V}.$$

Since the variations in prices of assets are stochastic, one can consider statistical mean value and variance of estimated returns:

$$E[R(t)] = \sum_{n=1}^N \alpha_n(t) E[r_n(t)] \quad (4)$$

$$\sigma_R^2 = \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{m=1}^N \alpha_n \alpha_m \sigma_{nm}^2 \quad (5)$$

The weights  $\alpha_n(t)$  can be calculated introducing a Lagrangian function  $F$ :

$$F = \sigma_R^2 + \theta_1 \left( \sum_{n=1}^N \alpha_n E[r_n(t)] - E[R(t)] \right) + \theta_2 \left( \sum_{n=1}^N \alpha_n - 1 \right) \quad (6)$$

Optimal weights  $\{\alpha_n\}$  can be calculated by setting the partial derivatives of (6) with respect to  $\alpha_n$ ,  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  to zero and solving the linear system of  $(n+2)$  equations.



## Investment Nodes and Token Modeling

The **investment nodes** play a central role in the d-loop DAO's token modeling. These nodes are responsible for the automated execution of investment and divestment proposals, ensuring that the assets in the portfolio are actively managed to achieve **steady growth and stability**.

Individuals can join the investment pool by exchanging any crypto asset for the **mTokens (D-AI tokens)** representing shares in the asset pool. These tokens are designed to reflect the value of the underlying portfolio and allow token holders to participate in governance and reward mechanisms.

The value of the portfolio at any given time is directly tied to the performance of the assets in the pool. The price of the D-AI token corresponds to its intrinsic value, which is calculated by the following equation:

$$p_I(t) = \frac{1}{Q_I(t)} \sum_{n=1}^N p_n(t) Q_n(t) \quad (7)$$

Initialization of (7) is at some extent arbitrary and depends on initial number of tokens issued  $Q_I(0)$  and chosen price  $p_I(0)$ .

## Governance of the Investment Pool

The DAO Governance Token holders control the investment decisions through voting on proposals. Each proposal requires a majority vote to either invest (acquire new assets) or divest (sell assets). The governance model allows for active participation in the decision-making process, ensuring that only sound and profitable decisions are executed.

- **Investment Proposals:** Involves purchasing a specified quantity of a digital asset in exchange for a share of the asset pool.
- **Divestment Proposals:** Involves selling a specified quantity of an asset held in the pool, and returning a share of the pool to the investor.

Whenever new DAO tokens are issued or burned, the portfolio must be **rebalanced** according to the following equation:

$$\Delta Q_n = \alpha_n \left[ \frac{V(t + \Delta t)}{p_n(t + \Delta t)} - \frac{V(t)}{p_n(t)} \right] \quad (8)$$

$$\text{Where } V(t) = \sum_{n=1}^N Q_n(t)p_n(t) \quad \text{and} \quad V(t + \Delta t) = \sum_{n=1}^N Q_n(t + \Delta t)p_n(t + \Delta t)$$

## Decision-Making Process

The decision-making process, supported by **mathematical models**, helps identify the **optimal choices** and in the d-loop DAO, this approach is complemented by **AI-powered investment nodes** that analyze and execute investment decisions using data-driven models. The collaboration of human expertise and AI-driven optimization ensures that the investment pool is managed effectively, achieving optimal outcomes while maintaining the principles of decentralized governance.

The D-AI DAO Token Modeling framework is designed to combine mathematical optimization, AI-driven decision-making, and human optimized yield to ensure effective governance and steady growth of the DAO's investment pool. This process ensures that the DAO's assets are continuously optimized, while providing opportunities for token holders to participate in governance decisions and earn rewards based on the success of those decisions.

## AI Agents in d-loop Protocol

The **d-loop protocol** integrates AI agents, deployable on **EigenLayer nodes** on the Ethereum Network (with a separate model for **Hedera**), to enhance governance efficiency and facilitate institutional participation. These agents are divided into two types: **Governance Nodes** and **Investment Nodes**.

### Governance Nodes

AI **Governance Nodes** autonomously participate in the DAO's governance by voting on **Invest/Divest proposals**. These agents complement human voters by analyzing market conditions and proposal contexts to make data-driven decisions. Governance nodes are incentivized with merit-based rewards, maintaining active governance even during periods of low human voter engagement.

### Benefits:

- **Increased participation** in governance, helping achieve quorum.
- **Data-driven decision-making** ensures consistency and accuracy.
- Reduces **voter apathy** during low engagement periods.

## Investment Nodes

**Investment Nodes** facilitate institutional access to **D-AI tokens** by automating the investment and divestment processes. Institutional investors can indirectly engage with the DAO after completing **KYC/AML** procedures through **DLOOP Ventures**. These nodes manage **Invest/Divest proposals** and execute transactions on behalf of clients without requiring direct governance participation.

**Use Case:** An institutional investor places an order for 5,000 D-AI tokens via a broker's API. The AI Investment Node processes the order, creating and executing the corresponding invest/divest proposals (e.g., buying 50 ETH, 2000 LINK). After DAO approval, the tokens are transferred back to the broker, completing the transaction.

### Benefits:

- Seamless, **compliance-friendly** access to decentralized assets.
- Scalable, **automated asset management**.
- Enables institutions to engage in DeFi without direct interaction with the DAO.

## Incentives for Deploying AI Agents

Operators who deploy AI **Voting Nodes** or **Investment Nodes** on **EigenLayer** are rewarded with **DLOOP tokens**. This ensures a decentralized, automated system for governance and asset management.

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## Technical Overview of EigenLayer Architecture for AI Agents

The d-loop protocol leverages **EigenLayer's decentralized infrastructure** to deploy **AI agent modules** for enhanced governance and operational capabilities. These agents run as **Python-based scripts** on EigenLayer nodes, benefiting from EigenLayer's secure, modular environment.

### Governance Node AI Agents

**Purpose:** Governance Nodes autonomously vote on **Invest/Divest proposals**, complementing human voters. They contribute to quorum achievement and improve decision-making efficiency.

### Architecture:

- **AI Model Deployment:** Each Governance Node is a Python module running on an **EigenLayer node**, analyzing proposal data, historical market trends, and potential outcomes to cast informed votes.
- **Smart Contract Interaction:** The agent interacts with d-loop's smart contracts using **Ethereum RPC calls** to fetch proposals and submit votes.

- **Reward Mechanism:** AI Governance Nodes are rewarded based on voting performance, using the same **merit-based reward logic** as human voters.
- **Security:** Cryptographic signatures authenticate the nodes on **EigenLayer**, ensuring secure and auditable voting.

#### Key Components:

- Python-based decision-making algorithm
- Interaction with smart contracts via **Web3.py**
- Data ingestion (market and proposal data)
- **EigenLayer's** secure node execution

#### Investment Nodes

**Purpose:** Investment Nodes automate institutional interactions with the d-loop DAO by executing **Invest/Divest proposals** for institutional clients that have completed **KYC/AML** checks through DLOOP Ventures.

#### Architecture:

- **KYC/AML Compliance:** Before executing any orders, the **Investment Node** verifies institutional investor compliance through a secure API, ensuring only authorized access to the D-AI token.
- **Order Processing:** Upon receiving an order (e.g., 5,000 D-AI tokens), the node determines the necessary crypto purchases (e.g., 50 ETH, 2,000 LINK) and submits the required proposals to the DAO for approval.
- **Transaction Execution:** After the DAO votes on the proposal, the AI Investment Node finalizes the transaction, distributing the tokens to the institutional investor via the broker API.

#### Key Components:

- **KYC/AML verification module**
- Python-based order execution logic
- **Interaction with d-loop smart contracts**
- **EigenLayer's decentralized execution and security layer**

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#### EigenLayer Execution Environment

- **Modularity and Flexibility:** Both Governance and Investment Nodes are executed on **EigenLayer's** modular platform, providing a flexible runtime environment for Python-based decentralized applications (dApps).

- **Security and Decentralization:** EigenLayer utilizes slashing conditions and staking mechanisms to ensure **nodes** comply with protocol rules. Malicious or faulty node behavior results in penalties, enhancing the reliability of the system.
- **Scalability:** The system can scale with demand, allowing multiple AI agents to run concurrently across separate nodes, ensuring **parallel processing** and preventing bottlenecks.

This integration of AI agents and decentralized infrastructure on **EigenLayer** optimizes governance, increases institutional accessibility, and ensures the stability and scalability of the d-loop protocol.

## Institutional Participation

D-Loop's **AI Investment Nodes** are designed to facilitate seamless and compliant participation by institutional investors. These nodes operate in two modes, each tailored to meet the unique needs of institutional players:

1. **Institutional Order Processing Mode:**
  - Converts institutional deposits (e.g., USDC) into D-AI tokens, enabling exposure to the D-Loop asset pool.
  - Automates the creation and execution of **Invest Proposals**, ensuring efficient and timely order processing.
2. **Autonomous Asset Management Mode:**
  - Delegates portfolio management to the AI Investment Node, which autonomously executes **Invest** and **Divest Proposals** based on predefined goals and risk parameters.
  - Ensures dynamic portfolio optimization and risk management.

## Regulatory Compliance

To address regulatory challenges and ensure institutional participation is compliant, D-Loop implements the following measures:

- **KYC/AML Integration:** Institutional investors must complete KYC/AML checks via **DLOOP Ventures**, a compliant gateway for institutional access.
- **Compliant Broker APIs:** Institutions interact with the ecosystem through regulated broker APIs, ensuring adherence to local laws.
- **Transparent Reporting:** All transactions and trades are logged and auditable, providing transparency for regulators and investors.

## Benefits of Institutional Participation

- **Increased Liquidity:** Institutional participation brings significant capital to the D-Loop ecosystem, enhancing liquidity and stability.
- **Credibility and Trust:** Institutional involvement lends credibility to the protocol, driving broader adoption and mainstream acceptance.
- **Scalability:** AI Investment Nodes enable efficient handling of large orders and complex portfolios, ensuring the ecosystem can scale with demand.

By integrating institutional participation into its governance and asset management framework, D-Loop is paving the way for a more inclusive and sustainable decentralized future.

## Exiting the DAO

D-AI token holders can exit the asset pool at any time, without requiring a vote. This ensures flexibility for participants, enabling them to exit when needed. However, to prevent malicious behavior—such as sabotaging a proposal and immediately exiting—the following condition applies:

- **Exit Restriction:** If a token holder voted yes on a non-expired proposal, they are restricted from exiting the asset pool until the proposal has been executed or expired. This prevents actions that could undermine the integrity of the DAO's decision-making process.

When exiting, participants send their D-AI tokens to the DAO in exchange for their proportional share of the assets held by the DAO. Upon exit, the D-AI tokens are **burned** (permanently destroyed), reducing the circulating supply and preserving the value of remaining tokens.

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## Governance Proposals

Governance proposals are used to update or change the operational parameters of the DAO. These proposals are voted on and executed in the same manner as **Invest/Divest proposals**, with the goal of maintaining a dynamic, responsive governance system.

Key parameters that can be modified through governance proposals include:

- **Quorum threshold** for votes (e.g., 30%).
- **Voting duration** for proposals (e.g., 7 days).
- **Delay between vote expiration and execution** (e.g., 2 days).
- **Duration of proposal execution** (e.g., 7 days).



- **Developer fees rate** (e.g., 0.5%).
- **Developer fee payment address**.

**AI Governance Nodes** play a crucial role in evaluating these proposals, processing the market data, and casting votes based on predefined criteria such as the long-term sustainability and profitability of the DAO. The AI nodes contribute to quorum achievement and help streamline the voting process, particularly during times of low human engagement.

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## Developers' Fees

A percentage of the **DLOOP tokens** transacted during the execution of asset **add/remove proposals** is allocated to a developer's fund to support the ongoing development and maintenance of the platform. This ensures the continued growth and improvement of the DAO ecosystem.

- **For add asset proposals:** The fee is taken from the DLOOP tokens minted and issued to the proposal submitter/executor.
- **For remove asset proposals:** The fee is taken from the DLOOP tokens paid out to token holders.

The **developer fee** percentage can be adjusted through a **governance proposal**, which allows the DAO members to vote on changing or even eliminating the fee entirely, should they choose to do so.

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## Summary of Income

The d-loop protocol is designed to be **sustainable** and **community-driven**, operating with full decentralization. The platform's income is generated through the following mechanisms:

- **Minting fees:** A 0.5% fee is collected when DLOOP tokens are minted and burned.
- **Fees from unexecuted proposals:** Income is generated when proposals are voted on but not executed.

Income generated through these mechanisms is classified as **Developer Fees** and is managed by a **governing body** to ensure the platform's continued growth and sustainability.

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## Key Management

In the initial stages of the d-loop protocol's launch, contract management and feature launch strategies will be managed using a **multi-signature Gnosis Safe**. This ensures secure and transparent management of the platform's resources.

As the protocol grows, **governance** will progressively decentralize, moving towards a **fully decentralized model**. This approach is designed to prevent governance capture and maintain the integrity of the system, ensuring that the community has a direct role in decision-making and future developments.

## Conclusion

The **d-loop protocol** represents a transformative leap in decentralized finance, combining the power of **decentralized governance** with **AI-driven agents** to create an efficient, scalable, and sustainable platform for asset management and decision-making. By integrating **Governance Nodes** and **Investment Nodes**, d-loop enhances participation, improves decision-making accuracy, and provides a seamless interface for institutional investors.

Leveraging AI agents deployed on **EigenLayer** (or a suitable alternative on Hedera), d-loop ensures continuous, data-driven governance that adapts to evolving market conditions and user needs. The d-loop protocol is designed to simplify access to crypto assets by introducing two key assets to the Hedera and Ethereum blockchains:

- **DLOOP**: An ERC-223 governance token (or HTS on Hedera) used for invest/divest proposals and governance-related votes. DLOOP holders earn merit-based rewards tied to their voting performance, incentivizing informed and responsible participation.
- **D-AI**: A TokenShare representing ownership in the d-loop asset pool, providing users with exposure to a diversified portfolio of crypto assets. D-AI tokens are fully backed by the underlying assets, ensuring transparency and trust.

**AI Governance Nodes** play a crucial role in the ecosystem, autonomously analyzing market trends, participating in voting, and maintaining quorum during periods of low human engagement. These nodes safeguard the protocol against voter apathy, ensuring consistent and active governance.

Meanwhile, **Investment Nodes** enable institutional investors to seamlessly interact with the protocol, bridging the gap between traditional finance and DeFi while maintaining compliance through KYC/AML integration

The d-loop protocol also promotes fairness and transparency, ensuring that decisions such as token issuance, governance adjustments, and fee allocations are made with data-driven insights and collective participation. The AI agents provide real-time feedback, which can optimize governance parameters, and ensure that the community remains aligned with the long-term goals of the protocol.

Ultimately, d-loop creates a **balanced, sustainable, and forward-thinking ecosystem** that empowers both individual and institutional users. By combining **AI-powered automation** with **decentralized governance**, d-loop offers a compelling solution for a more inclusive and effective decentralized future. The protocol's design ensures that all participants—whether human or AI—can contribute to and benefit from its growth, fostering long-term stability and innovation.

We envision a future where **AI agents** interact independently, with DAOs serving as the transaction and consensus layer. This framework establishes rulesets that enable AI entities with diverse objectives to interact and exchange value seamlessly, unlocking new possibilities for collaboration and growth in the decentralized economy.